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ESTONIA'S PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. The Pro-Patria and Estonian National Independence Party Union at a conference on 15 January announced the top dozen names on their election list, BNS reported on 16 January. It includes eight Pro-Patria and four ENIP members headed by chairmen Mart Laar and Tunne Kelam, respectively. The union will campaign under the slogan "Fire Will Not Go Out," indicating their platform of continuing the current reforms. The People's Party of Republicans and Conservatives, commonly known as the Rightists, held a pre-election conference in Tallinn on 14 January at which various speakers outlined the domestic, economic, foreign, and defense policies the party's candidates will support if elected. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

HEAD OF LITHUANIA'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH DIES. Bishop Jonas Kalvanas died over the weekend at the age of 80, BNS reported on 16 January. He will be buried on 18 January in the town of Taurage. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.